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Boston, Mass.--Eighty-two-year-old Kingston resident Vernon Waitt leaves The University Hospital (UH) after undergoing coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG). Waitt is the first patient in Boston to participate in a landmark federal demonstration project in which Medicare pays a negotiated price at a particular hospital for all necessary services associated with CABG. UH is one of four hospitals in the country selected by the Health Care Financing Administration for this program, called the "Participating Heart Bypass Center" program. The aim of the three-year program is to test the potential cost savings of a negotiated package price for Medicare CABG patients at high-volume, high-quality institutions.

Waitt is accompanied by Evelyn (left), his wife, and Sheila Kaiser, R.N.